



MARYS POND
ROCHESTER
AREA = 81 ACRES

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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Rochester

Plymouth County

Buzzards Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.75512 N Longitude: 70.79131 W



81 Acres

Depth: 12 Feet Average
32 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:
Trout, Largemouth Bass

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General Information:

Marys Pond in Rochester is an 81 acre natural kettlehole pond with an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 32 feet. The water color is clear and transparent to 10 feet. The bottom is mostly sand, and aquatic vegetation is scant and patchy. Approximately half of the 1.2 miles of the low shoreline is developed with cottages, road frontage and cranberry bogs, but this is still a pretty pond and a nice place to fish. The pond is supplied by groundwater and used as a water source for nearby cranberry bogs, it is generally infertile and pH ranges on the slightly acidic side.

Access:

Marys Pond is located a few miles southwest of the intersection of Routes 495 and Route 195. From I-495, take exit 2 and head south on Route 58. Continue on to County Road, and then take a right onto Marys Pond Road. After a long history of access problems, public access (brand new in 2007) is provided by a new parking lot provided by the Office of Fishing and Boating Access and the town of Rochester along New Perrys Lane, which is on the left after you pass by the pond. Anglers can launch carport boats and canoes here and the entire shoreline can be easily waded due to the hard, gradually sloping bottom.

Management History:

Marys Pond was stocked before 1945 with smallmouth bass, bluegills, bullheads, white perch, yellow perch, chain pickerel and shiners. The pond was closed to winter fishing in 1932 to 1935. As part of the statewide pond survey the pond was sampled on August 20, 1946 and contained white perch, chain pickerel, yellow perch, banded killifish, bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish and smallmouth bass. Mary's Pond was reclaimed in 1957 and 1961. The pond was treated with 45 tons of limestone in 1971 to combat acidification, and an additional 40 tons were added in 1982. Access has been an issue to this pond for many years but it continues to be a major fishing pond due to its status as the closest stocked trout pond to the urban centers of New Bedford and Fall River. For many years a private beach concession and parking area attracted large numbers of swimmers to the pond in the summer months but this parking and access is now closed.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was sampled during the summer of 1978 and seven species were collected: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, brown bullhead, golden shiner and banded killifish. Marys Pond was most recently sampled on July 11, 1994 and contained largemouth bass, pumpkinseed and bluegill sunfish, banded killifish, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, American eel and black crappie.

Fishing:

Marys Pond is heavily stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown, rainbow and tiger trout. Fishing pressure generated by the stocked trout is highest from March through June, but anglers who can cope with the high recreational usage during summer can still find trout around depths of 20 feet. Despite the clear water and lack of cover, this is not a bad bass pond. While large fish are scarce, there are enough fish in the 12 to 17 inch range to provide good sport. Snipatuit Pond is also located in Rochester.

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